

**HENDERSON COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MEETING DATE:** February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Used 4WD Ambulance Purchase

**PRESENTER:** Jimmy Brissie, Emergency Services Director

**ATTACHMENTS:** (1) Vehicle Overview

**SUMMARY OF REQUEST:**

Each year during the budget process Henderson County budgets the purchase of three replacement ambulances for the County fleet. For FY23 the anticipated cost of an ambulance (with stretcher, if needed) is \$193,000. Typically, these are 2WD ambulances for everyday use. Recent events have further established the need to increase the fleet of 4WD ambulances for the County. Currently HCEMS operates two 4WD ambulances, which are supplemented by three 4WD Ambulances from the Rescue Squad. The Henderson County EMS system operates 10 ambulances daily from EMS and the Rescue Squad. A new 4WD ambulance (with stretcher) would cost \$255,713.

During June 2021 the Skyland Fire & Rescue placed into service a new 4WD Ambulance. After several months of operation, the Fire Department Board of Directors voted to stop operating an ambulance service. As a result, they are receiving bids on the surplus ambulance. The truck has 6,000 miles and is covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

Staff have evaluated the ambulance and are confident it would make a good addition to our fleet. Truck manufacturers continue to anticipate delays in 4WD chassis deliveries for the next 18 – 24 months creating challenges for timely delivery of a new truck order. Staff are recommending the Board approve the purchase of the F-550 Wheeled Coach 4WD Ambulance from Skyland Fire & Rescue. If approved, EMS would request the additional replacement of two ambulances in FY23 instead of three.

**BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Board is requested to authorize the negotiation for purchase of a F-550 4WD ambulance from Skyland Fire & Rescue.

**Suggested Motion:**

*I move the Board authorize the negotiation for purchase of a F-550 4WD Wheeled Coach Ambulance from Skyland Fire and Rescue, with final approval by the Board of Commissioners at a future meeting.*

## Skyland Fire & Rescue Ambulance

2020 Ford F – 550 XLT ,4WD, 6.7 L Diesel, Wheeled Coach Ambulance

- Ford F-550 Diesel
- Four Wheel Drive
- Type 1 - Wheeled Coach Ambulance
- 6,000 miles
- Chassis covered by factory warranty
- Includes Stryker Power Load system – Current cost \$23,414
- Includes Stryker Power Stretcher - Estimated cost \$20,000

